

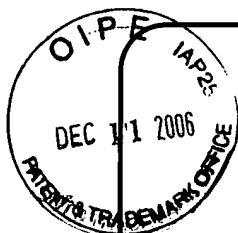
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DURING POLISHING OF SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE STRUCTURES CARRIED THEREBY  
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